In view of the position stated above, no inquiry is considered necessary.

Appraisal of the implementation of Child Labour Prohibition Act, 1986

3203. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any recent appraisal of the implementation of the provisions of Child Labour Prohibition Act, 1986 in formulating schemes for incourse and employment generation in child labour endemic areas in various States;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether a Child Labour Technical Advisory Committee has been set up for recommending action plan and programmes; and

(d) if so, whether the Advisory Committee has submitted its report; if so, what are the salient features of the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. A Child Labour Technical Advisory Committee (CLTAC) has been set up by Government to survey all employments/occupations/processes in which children below 14 years of age work and to recommend additions of employments/occupations/processes which are hazardous to children below 14 years to the Schedule to the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.

(d) Yes, Sir. The CLTAC has made the following recommendations:—

(1) Prohibition of child labour in the occupations/processes mentioned below:

(i) *Occupations*:—

—Work relating to selling of crackers and fire works in shops with temporary licences.

(ii) *Processes*:—

—Manufacture of slate pencils (including packing).

—Manufacture of products from agate.

—Manufacturing processes using toxic metals and substances such as lead, mercury, chromium, cadmium, bencene, pesticides and asbestos.

(2) Setting up of a Coordination Committee to be called the Research Coordination Committee to carry out further epidemiological studies in certain occupations/processes/industries on the basis of which a decision can be taken to advise Government whether or not to ban/regulate the employment of children in these occupations/processes/industries.

(3) Amendments to the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 including deletion of "cloth weaving" from the group of processes "cloth printing, dyeing and weaving" included in part B of the Schedule to the Act.